kidnapping has been reported.

(c) Relevant investigations have been initiated against the alleged extortion racket.

Compulsory military training

4377. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for compulsory military training to all the young citizens so that their services can be utilised during any emergency-crisis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Promotions in IAF and Navy

4378. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promotions in IAF and Navy have been made time bound;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any bench mark has been prescribed for satisfactory performance in lower rank for time bound promotion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The promotion to the rank of Flight Lieutenant (Flt. Lt.), Squadron leader (Sqn. Ldr.) Wind Commander (Wg. Cdr.) and Group Captain (Time Scale) in the Indian Air Force (IAF), and to the rank of Lieutenant (Lt.), Lieutenant Commander (Lt. Cdr.), Commander (Cdr.) and Captain (Time

Scale) in the Indian Navy (IN) have been made time bound, as per details given below:

(i) Indian Air Force: For promotion to the rank of:

Flt.Lt. — 2 years of reckonable commissioned service

Sqn. I_dr. — 6 years of reckonable commissioned service

Wg. Cdr. — 13 years of reckonable commissioned service

Group Captain — 26 years of reckonable commissioned service (Time Scale)

(ii) Indian Navy: For promotion to the rank of:

Lt. — 2 years as Sub Lt.

Lt. Cdr. — 4 years as Lt.

Cdr. — 11 years as Lt.

Captain (Time Scale) — Cdr. with 26 years reckonable commissioned service.

Time bound promotions in the IAF and the Navy are based on various factors like suitability based on demonstrated performance, clearance of promotion examination, acceptable medical category, clearance from disciplinary/vigilance angle.

Shortage of civilian manpower in Navy

4379. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy is facing a shortage of civilian manpower finding it difficult to run workshops for maintenance of warships and equipment;

(b) whether the Navy has sounded the Government that it would not be able to operate the newly commissioned Sea Bird project at Karwar unless it is provided adequate number of civilian staff; and